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CIA Powers of Investigation

NEWSMAN: A member of the House Constitutional Rights Subcommittee today raised serious questions about President Reagan's proposal to give domestic snooping powers to the CIA. Democratic Congressman Harold Washington of Chicago, a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, says the proposal is frightening.

REP. HAROLD WASHINGTON: This order would have a significant and chilling effect which could undermine the functioning of our federal agencies by providing for surveillance of all U.S. officials. It would resolve the turf battle which has been going on for some time between the FBI and the CIA by giving virtually untrammelled powers to the CIA. By trying to protect the CIA methods from disclosure, it would make it difficult to assess the validity of CIA conclusions and analysis. No one would know actually what they were doing or be able to look over their shoulders. It would permit the infiltration of domestic organizations and allow infiltraters not just to infiltrate, but to influence the activities of such organizations and its members.

NEWSMAN: Currently, the CIA can legally only operate overseas.

The magazine Covert Action Information Bulletin will no longer publish the Naming Names column. Bill Shapp (?) at the Bulletin says that it should be remembered that the column is only a small part of the magazine.

BILL SHAPP: Even if we have to stop the Naming Names column during the court battles, that's only a couple of pages out of a large magazine. We intend to continue publishing, to continue to do analyses of U.S. foreign policy, and exposures of